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Title: FAULT TOLERANT ATM-BASED DISTRIBUTED
VIRTUAL TANDEM SWITCHING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 25]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 5]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
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b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
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5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy
of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered
as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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14. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Statement filed in prior application,
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15. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to _____
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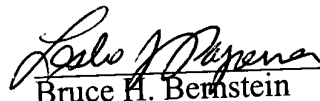
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The above-identified application includes:

- 25 pages of specification (including Abstract);
- 21 total claims; with 7 independent;
- 5 sheets of drawings with 5 figures;
- an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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